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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Herbert J. Lilling
TAKESHI IMAMURA ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 1651
Application No.: 10/084,172)	
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Filed: February 28, 2002)	
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For: NOVEL)	
POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE	:	
CONTAINING UNIT WITH)	
PHENYLSULFANYL STRUCTURE	:	
IN THE SIDE CHAIN, PROCESS)	
FOR ITS PRODUCTION, CHARGE	:	
CONTROL AGENT, TONER)	
BINDER AND TONER WHICH	:	
CONTAIN NOVEL POLY-)	
HYDROXYALKANOATE, AND	:	
IMAGE-FORMING METHOD)	
AND IMAGE-FORMING	:	
APPARATUS WHICH MAKE)	
USE OF THE TONER)	June 4, 2004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

a) <u>Introductory Comments</u>

Prior to receipt of the first Office Action on the merits, kindly amend the subject application as follows.